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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHAD, NIGERIA, AND THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

Livestock and Animal Production in the Districts of Assalé, Serbewel and Bornu (Supplementary Assistance)(RAF/71/268)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	May 1979
Starting date of project activities:	October 1972 (Including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	December 1980
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Government implementing agency:	Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$642 400
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In 1964, Chad, Niger, Nigeria, and the United Republic of Cameroon established the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) as an instrument for the four countries' joint efforts to develop the Lake Chad Basin on the basis of its water and other resources.

2. Animal husbandry is an important occupation in the area, being the main source of livelihood of a large part of the population and providing an essential part of the food of the whole population. However, productivity is low. Following the UNDP-financed project, Survey of the Water Resources of the Lake Chad Basin (AFR/REG/79)[1/], a project to develop irrigated agriculture including livestock fodder was started; namely, the project, Four Agricultural Centres in the Lake Chad Basin (RAF/71/269 [2/]. At approximately the same time (1972), the present project was started to help to improve

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1/ SR/R.11/Add.43.

2/ DP/16/Add.116 and DP/PROJECTS/196.

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livestock productivity in the Assale and Serbewel regions (Chad and Cameroon respectively). A similar livestock project for the Bornu region in Nigeria was started in 1975; namely, Development of Animal Production in Bornu Province (RAF/74/068). This latter project was formally terminated in December 1978; its operations continued, however, under this project. It should be noted that UNDP co-operates closely with bilateral donors in the support of livestock development in the project area.

3. It should be emphasized that the project, restricted to a limited area, is of a pilot nature and should, if successful, pave the way for similar efforts elsewhere in the Basin with financing from various sources. In 1977, a multi-donor mission with some 40 specialists 3/ was sent to the Basin area to identify projects for immediate implementation, while waiting for the results of a study on medium- and long-term strategy to be completed. The mission recommended continuation of this ongoing project. It is in accordance with this recommendation and at the request of LCBC that UNDP assistance is now being extended thrcugh 1980.

II. Objectives and activities

4. The immediate project objective is to assist and train local herdsmen in all aspects of range and livestock management with a view to increasing livestock productivity. Activities include protection and improvement of pasture lands, animal health care, improvement of the cattle breed and use of oxen for traction in agriculture.

III. Inputs

5. UNDP inputs into the project in 1979 and 1980 consist of three experts, group training and equipment.

IV. Financial Data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved	Present approval	Total approved
	$	$	$
Personnel	613 000	425 400	1 038 400
Subcontracts	68 700	(14 400)	54 300
Training	57 800	12 300	70 100
Equipment	522 200	167 700	689 900
Miscellaneous	90 300	51 400	141 700
	1 352 000	642 400	1 994 400

3/ Provided by France, Italy, Netherlands, the European Economic Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, FAO and UNDP.

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